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## STATE OF NEW YORK - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To:

CECOS File

From:

W.J. O'Brien

Date:

January 9, 1981

Subject:

1/8/81 Buffalo Conference about Radioactive Slag on their site

A meeting was held at the Buffalo Area Office to consider matters pertaining to the control of radioactive slag detected on CECOS and Newco property.

- 1. CECOS leases from Niagara Recycling, Inc.
- 2. CECOS is responsible for health and safety of the adjacent property leased by Newco, Inc. and owned by Niagara.

These statements were made by E. Gedeon, Division Manager, in conjunction with W. Lerner (Attorney) and J. vanEverdingen.

Those attending:

J. vanEverdingen)

E. Gedeon

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W. Lerner

Frank Grabar - DEC

Lou Violanti - Buffalo Area Engineer

Fabian Rosati - X-ray inspector, Niagara Co. H.D.

Maurice Vaughan - Niagara Co. H.D.

Karim Rimawi - Bureau of Environmental Radiation

W.J. O'Brien - Buffalo Rad. Health Specialist

It was first established: that the slag is licensable; that the Labor Department had agreed to let our Department handle the matter; that the material must be contained and/or controlled to prevent an occupational and/or a public health hazard.

CECOS will draft an agreement and send it to the Department for review. A final draft will be submitted to the Department. The Department will then formulate a document that will be enforceable in perpetuity.

The final document (Order, agreement, letter, notification, whatever) will include at least these items:

- 1. The slag will not be taken off-site except with approval of the Department.
- On-site usage must meet requirements of Part 16, especially regarding exposure levels.

- On-site usage shall be monitored, as needed, to meet Part 16 requirements.
- 4. Inspections by the Department at reasonable times shall be permitted.
- 5. The slag shall not be incorporated into any type of building material to be used on or off-site.
- 6. In case of a change of owner/operator, the Department shall be notified well in advance of such change.

CECOS personnel were intensely opposed to a formal Order because of the detrimental connotations that will be implanted in the minds of the public. Since this is in Niagara County, their fears are probably justified. CECOS is in total agreement on controlling the slag; it is the format of the final document that makes them apprehensive.

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cc: F. Rosati - Niagara County Health Department K. Rimawi - Bureau of Environmental Radiation

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